The Central Department of Tourism has also prioritised a project for "Expansion of Tourist Complex Marble rocks at Bheraghat, Jabalpur" for Rs. 11.50 lakhs during 2001-2002. During the year 1999-2000, a project for development of Water Sports facilities at Bargi Dam, Jabalpur for Rs. 23.36 lakhs was also sanctioned.

(d) Does not arise.

Expenditure incurred by ITDC on its establishments in Rajasthan

1196. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by ITDC on its establishments in Rajasthan during the last three years, location-wise;

(b) what is the profit earned therefrom during this period in comparison with the investments made;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for development and promotion of tourism industry in Rajasthan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) The details of capital investments made by ITDC on its units in the State of Rajasthan during the last 3 years are given below:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Name of the Unit	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Laxmi Vilas Palace Hotel, Udaipur	34.09	82.15	60.66
Hotel Jaipur Ashok Jaipur	17.69	47.79	5.88
Bharatpur Forest Lodge	40.84	8.49	1.40

(b) The performance of hotels is not directly related to the investments made but depends upon many other factors like flow of tourist traffic, competition etc. Due to depressed tourism scenario

and enhanced competition, ITDC hotels in the State of Rajasthan are incurring losses.

(c) and (d) Development of Tourist Places is primarily under-taken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides financial assistance for tourism project prioritised in consultation with them every year. During the current financial year, 15 projects of Rajasthan with Central Component of Rs. 355.40 lakhs has been prioritised.

Opening of new duty free shops by ITDC

1197. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) propose to open more duty free shops at the international airports in the country;

(b) if so, the number of existing Duty Free Shops, their location, the number of new shops proposed to be opened;

(c) whether Government have contacted or propose to request Germany and the Netherlands and the concerned agencies of other countries to have an Indian counter for marketing its products; and

(d) if so, whether they have reacted favourably to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Presently, ITDC is operating 34 duty free shops at 9 airports *viz.* Delhi (10), Mumbai (11), Chennai (2), Calcutta (2), Thiruvananthapuram (2), Goa (2), Calicut (2), Hyderabad (2) and Bangalore (1). Four more duty free shops at the airports of Ahmedabad (2), Bangalore (1) and Varanasi (1) are proposed to be opened in due course.

(c) and (d) Presently, ITDC has no proposal to have Indian counters at duty free shops abroad for marketing Indian products.